

# Investing in Washington's Future

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

# Adams, Whitman, Columbia and Garfield County Region

**\$3.6 million toward 6 projects in Adams County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### Intersection Lighting

- **SR 26 east and west of Othello**

Adds new lighting at intersections throughout for 14 miles.

Construction begins: 2008

Completion: 2008

- **SR 17 Othello to Soap Lake**

Adds new lighting at intersections for 53 miles.

Construction begins: 2010

Completion: 2010

- **SR 26 west of Othello - Passing Lane**

Constructs a passing lane to reduce the risk of head-on collisions.

Construction begins: 2009

Completion: 2011

- **SR 17 Access Control Purchase, Adams County line**

This project will purchase the access rights on SR 17, completing the section for future control of access points to reduce accidents.

### Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 21, 26, 260, 261, and 263.

Construction begins: 2007

Completion: 2009

**\$9 million toward 3 projects in the Whitman County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### Bridge Replacements

- **SR 27/Pine Creek Bridge**

Construction begins: 2008

Completion: 2008

- **SR 195/Spring Flat Creek Bridge**

Construction begins: 2010

Completion: 2010

### Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 23, 27, 194, 271, 272, and 274.

Construction begins: 2006

Completion: 2007

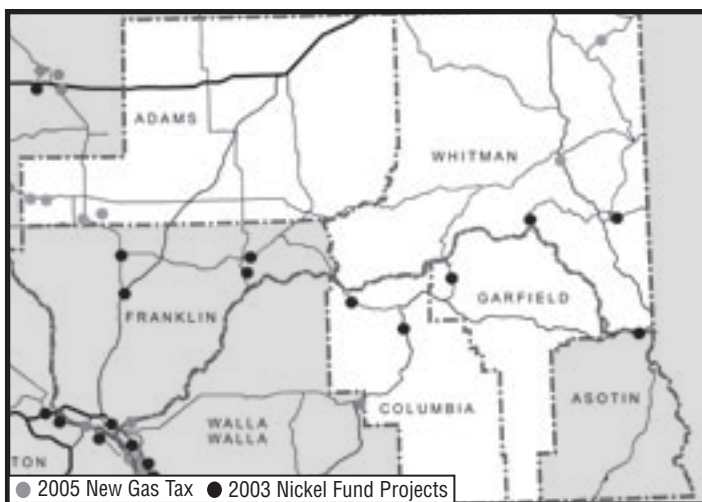
**\$1.9 million towards 1 project in the Columbia and Garfield County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### Safety Work

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on US 12.

Construction begins: 2006

Completion: 2008



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# Statewide

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### A Comprehensive Approach

- ▶ **\$7.1 billion for 274 projects across Washington state to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**
- ▶ **Coordinates with prior transportation planning**
- ▶ **Phases in the gas tax increase over four years**
  - 3 cents a gallon in 2005
  - 3 cents in 2006
  - 2 cents in 2007
  - 1.5 cent in 2008
- ▶ **Supplemented by new vehicle weight fees**

### Improved Safety and Traffic Flow

- ▶ **Eliminates choke points and improves traffic flow in 69 locations**
- ▶ **Fixes 100 high accident locations**
- ▶ **Upgrades 172 bridges to withstand earthquakes**
- ▶ **Replaces 53 deteriorating or outdated bridges**
- ▶ **Adds 150 new lane miles to our highways**
- ▶ **Keeps freight moving with 35 projects for trucks and trains**
- ▶ **Adds 73 miles of cable barrier to prevent cross-over accidents**

### Increased Demand

Since 1980:

- ▶ **Washington's population has increased 45%**
- ▶ **There are 58% more licensed drivers**
- ▶ **The number miles traveled has gone up 88%**



**MAKING EVERY  
DOLLAR COUNT.**

# Accountable and Efficient

**The Washington State Department of Transportation is audited regularly by four agencies to ensure it is spending taxpayer dollars wisely.**

These include: State Auditors Office

Federal Highway Administration

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee

Transportation Performance Audit Board

Audits since 1998 have found only minor operating issues, which have been or are being addressed.

## Summary

### Highway Program

- ☒ Improve change order management
- ☒ Adopt cost savings ideas
- ☒ Reform project management and cost tracking activities

### Aviation Division

- ☒ Conduct annual customer service surveys
- ☒ Integrate customer needs into programs

### Environmental Permitting

- ☒ Strengthen coordination with environmental and resource agencies to standardize data, save money, and improve working relations.

### Capital Project Management Study

- ☒ Implement agency-wide project management tools
- ☒ Integrate cost/risk estimation process across all programs and divisions

### Washington State Ferries

- ☒ Implement an electronic fare collection system.
- ☒ Revise safety procedures
- ☒ Streamlining management
- ☒ Improving capital project cost-benefit analysis enhancements
- ☒ Upgrade contract management

# On Time, On Budget

Of the first 39 highway construction projects funded by the 2003 Transportation Package, 26 projects are currently under construction and on schedule. 13 have been completed:



**Early: 8 Projects**  
**On Time: 4 Projects**  
**Late: 1 Project**

## Early

- I-90 Cable Median Barrier
  - Geiger Road to US 2
  - Sullivan to State line
- I-90 Truck Climbing Lanes
  - Highline Canal to Elk Heights
  - Ryegrass to Vantage
- I-182 Interchange at US 395 near Pasco
- SR 97A Turn Lanes Entiat Park
- SR 203 Roundabout near Kirkland/Duvall
- SR 500 Interchange at NE 112th in Clark County

## On Time

- SR 124 Reconstruction at US 12 near Tri-Cities
- SR 9 New Signal at SR 528 near Arlington
- I-90 Cle Elum River Bridge
- I-5 Noise Wall Roanoke in Seattle

## Late

- US 395 Highway Information Sign near Kennewick

# 349 Projects: \$14 Million Under Budget

In the 2003-2005 budget cycle, WSDOT completed 349 construction projects at a cost of \$109 million, roughly 10 percent below the budgeted amount of \$123 million.

For more information on projects funded by the 2005 gas tax:

Or contact Customer Service:

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